

To UDC inspectors: Superinsulation Rescinded Effective March 26, 2008

The Wisconsin statutory mandate for superinsulation of one- and two-family dwellings heated by electricity was rescinded by 2007 Wisconsin Act 67. The act passed by the legislature and signed by the governor says : “The department may not promulgate or enforce a rule that requires that any one-family or two-family dwelling that uses electricity for space heating be superinsulated.”

S&B will be developing rules in the future removing the current Comm 22.21 (2) regulations, which are not now enforceable.

How does this affect plan reviews and inspections of one- and two-family dwellings covered by the UDC?

Effective March 26th 2008 these are the most important points:

- **Comm 22.21 (2).** For electrically heated dwellings-- new, additions, or alterations -- you will apply the Uo or R values in Table 22.21 under the column headed “Non-electrically Heated”. Cross out the column headed “Electrically Heated” as that may no longer be used.
- **REScheck.** For electrically heated dwellings – new, additions, or alterations – enter equipment type “Furnace, 78% efficient forced hot air.”

This affects dwelling permitted on or after March 26, 2008. However, the situation also allows a builder to modify their already-permitted dwelling project to use the insulation amounts for a non-electrically heated dwelling for an electrically heated dwelling. As this would be a revision to the originally approved plans, inspectors may request fees and revised plans for the change.

The department will be following up with rules that will reflect the new 2007 Wisconsin Act 67. A copy of the Act may be downloaded from the webpage <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2007/data/acts/07Act67.pdf> .